

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1592

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WAITING LIST OF LPG CONNECTIONS IN JALPAIGURI WEST BENGAL
MINATI SEN

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of people in Jalpaiguri district are on the waiting list of LPG connections for the last many years;
- (a) if so, the details in this regard and the year from which they are on the waiting list; (
- (c) the reasons or impediments in the way of clearing the waiting list for the said district; and
- (d) the steps taken to clear the waiting list and the time by which the entire backlog of LPG connections in the district is likely to be cleared ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) and (b): At present, the total number of waiting list registered with distributors of PSU Oil Companies is 30535 in the Jalpaiguri district, West Bengal.

(c) and (d): New connections are released in a phased manner throughout the country depending on the LPG availability, waiting list, slack available with the distributors and their viability. However, the Govt. has a plan to release one crore LPG connections during the year 2000 to clear all waiting list registered with the distributors of PSU Oil Companies as on 1-12-1999.